



National Women's History Month

& International Women's Day 2011



Dreams for My Mother, Dreams for My Daughter

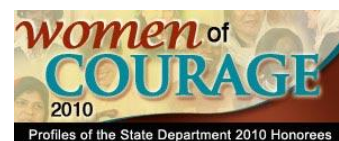
<http://www.america.gov/dreams.html>

America.gov and the U.S. embassies in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan invited mothers and daughters to record interviews with each other about their dreams for the other. In all, 32 women and girls volunteered.

Women of Courage 2010

<http://www.america.gov/woc2010.html>

Women leaders around the world work tirelessly to champion human rights and defend freedom. Here are the stories of a few such women — the 2010 International Women of Courage award winners.



OFFICIAL STATEMENTS:

- In recognition of *Women's History Month* and of *International Women's Day*, **President Barack Obama** published the annual proclamation on February 28, 2011:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/02/28/presidential-proclamation-womens-history-month-2011>
- **Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** delivered remarks and press statements on *National Women's History Month* and on *International Women's Day* on several occasions throughout March 2010. Upcoming texts from this year will be published on the Internet at: <http://www.state.gov/>
- "Empowering women and girls is a cornerstone of U.S. policy and development initiatives. ... U.S. efforts toward gender equality, health care, food security, climate change, economic growth, innovation and women's political participation "indicate the centrality of investing in women and girls as a fundamental principle of our approach to development and foreign policy."
Melanne Verveer, U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for Global Women's Issues
<http://www.america.gov/st/sca-english/2011/January/20110112111802yllek0.5172235.html>

PUBLICATIONS

Rachel Carson: Pen Against Poison

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books/rachel-carson-pen-against-poison.html>



Rachel Carson was a quiet woman who stirred extraordinary controversy that persists decades after her death. Her 1962 book *Silent Spring* brought worldwide attention to the harm to human health and the environment wrought by mishandling of a powerful pesticide, fomenting the environmental movement. In the 100th anniversary year of Carson's birth, this publication examines how occasionally in history a book with a powerful idea can bring about peaceful but dramatic change in a democratic society. [March 2007]

Women of Influence

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books/women-of-influence.html>

This collection chronicles how 21 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war. [November 2006]



Writers on America

http://www.america.gov/publications/books/writers_america.html

Presents 15 essays by a diverse group of contemporary American writers, poets, essayists, and intellectuals, on how being an American has affected their decision to write and what they have written during successful careers. Their meditations illuminate in an interesting way certain American values — freedom, diversity, democracy, in the context of individual development. Frequently, for this group of writers, the sense of home means an immigrant culture, with a parent or grandparent from another land; however, the central concept for many of these authors, no matter what their backgrounds, is "possibility," both in personal and creative terms. [December 2002]



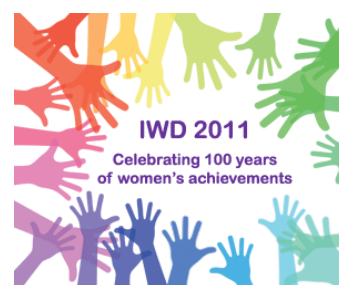
Includes essays by the following women writers:

- Elmaz Abinar, Arab-American: *Just Off Main Street*
- Julia Alvarez, a native of the Dominican Republic: *I, Too, sing America*
- Linda Hogan, a Chickasaw Native-American writer: *For Life's Sake*
- Bharati Mukherjee, born in Calcutta, India, now author and professor of English at the University of California in Berkeley: *On Being an American Writer*
- Naomi Shihab, grew up in St. Louis and Jerusalem: *This Crutch That I Love*

INTERNET RESOURCES

About the USA

- Women: <http://usa.usembassy.de/society-women.htm> [in english]
- Frauen: <http://usa.usembassy.de/gesellschaft-women.htm> [in deutsch]



MORE LINKS



International Women's Day (IWD)

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

"International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, IWD is a national holiday. The first IWD was run in 1911.

This year is IWD Global Centenary 1911-2011

National Women's History Project (NWHP)

<http://www.nwhp.org/>

"The National Women's History Project, founded in 1980, is an educational nonprofit organization. Our mission is to recognize and celebrate the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information and educational materials and programs."



U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Women's Issues

<http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/>

The Office of Global Women's Issues, led by Ambassador-at-Large Melanne Verveer, works for the political, economic, and social empowerment of women.

Women's History Month

<http://www.womenshistorymonth.gov/>

"The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society."

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